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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

- 1. (Previously presented) A method for reducing a number of non-inflammatory acne lesions comprising the step of topically applying a dermatological composition to the non-inflammatory acne lesions, wherein said dermatological composition comprises an active agent, and the active agent consists essentially of Dapsone.
- 2-3. (Cancelled).
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition comprises dissolved dapsone and microparticulate dapsone.
- 5-6. (Cancelled).
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a semisolid aqueous gel.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a cream.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a lotion.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a suspension.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is an ointment.

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12. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a spray.

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13. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition further comprises an additive selected from the group consisting of a preservative, an antioxidant, a

fragrance, a colorant, and a sunscreen.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a

semisolid aqueous gel.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a cream.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a lotion.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a solution.

18. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is an

ointment.

19. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a spray.

20. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition further

comprises an additive selected from the group consisting of a preservative, an antioxidant, a

fragrance, a colorant, and a sunscreen.

21. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition comprises

3% dapsone.

22. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition comprises

5% dapsone.

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23-24. (Cancelled).

25. (Previously presented) A method for treating non-inflammatory acne comprising

topically applying a dermatological composition to the non-inflammatory acne, wherein said

dermatological composition comprises an active agent and the active agent consists essentially of

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dapsone.

26. (Cancelled).

27. (New) A method for treating non-inflammatory acne comprising topically applying a

dermatological composition to the non-inflammatory acne, wherein said dermatological

composition comprises dapsone, wherein said dapsone is applied no more than once a day.

28. (New) A method for treating non-inflammatory acne comprising topically applying a

dermatological composition to the non-inflammatory acne, wherein said dermatological

composition comprises dapsone, wherein the non-inflammatory acne is reduced at least 45%.

29. (New) A method for treating non-inflammatory acne comprising topically applying a

dermatological composition to the non-inflammatory acne, wherein said dermatological

composition comprises dapsone, wherein the efficacy for treating non-inflammatory acne is

inverse to the efficacy for treating inflammatory acne.